

WYCOMBE LEAVE IT LATE THEN SCORE THREE

French Returns And Is Man Of The Match

By "CHILTERN"

Wycombe Wanderers 3, Dulwich Hamlet 0

IT took a compact looking Wycombe Wanderers 64 minutes to convert concerted effort into goals on Wednesday night against last season's Isthmian League wooden spoonists. Until Keith Samuels' header was fumbled over the goal-line by the brilliant Ockenden, Wycombe had peppered the Dulwich goal relentlessly, but without success.

But what a good looking Wycombe this was. Every member of the team played his heart out, and—for my money—man of the match was reserve Brian French, who stood in at right back

for John Beck who was on business in Barcelona.

French, back from a summer vacation in his home Liverpool, played a stormer, and gave an appreciative crowd a display of dour, solid, attacking full-back play.

What was nice to see too was recently off form players getting back on top. Notable in this category were wingers Merrick and Worley.

Len Worley had his best game so far this term and laid on the first goal. Merrick had a hand in both others.

EAGER FORWARDS

For long periods Dulwich defended stoically, and on many occasions only the panther-like agility and sound anticipation of goalkeeper Ockenden kept the eager Wycombe forwards at bay.

The first half whipped by as the Wycombe fans roared for a goal. Wycombe were playing fast man to man football, building up constant attacks. But the Dulwich net had a charmed life.

Samuels had a grand game, working like a steam engine, and shooting and heading at goal at every opportunity.

Horsman, back in the side after having the plaster cast off his injured hand, added his impish personality to the forward line and was eventually rewarded with two second-half goals.

Wanderers increased the pressure after the interval and 19 minutes of the second-half had passed when Ockenden made his first mistake and Samuels header slipped through his hands over the line.

The goal came from one of a constant supply of accurate Worley crosses.

Eleven minutes later Horseman made it two after Bates had headed a well-placed Merrick cross to his feet.

Then in the 79th minute the inside-left thumped home an open goal after Merrick had done well to harrass a back pass to Ockenden and stuck his long leg in the goalkeeper's way leaving Horseman a clear view of the goal.

Bates had two hard shots blocked, and marshalled well throughout.

The defence was in stern form, giving nothing away—and leaving Maskell little to do between the Wycombe posts.

Twice Baker cleared imminent danger and Gale was solid as ever. At right-back Roystone is making a name for himself as a hard-working, no-nonsense stalwart.

Wycombe—Maskell; French, Roystone; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick. Sub—Thompson.